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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (a) Yes. A malaria investigation unit deputed to work in the Puttur taluk for about 16 months, completed the investigation work by March 1946.

" (b) Information as to the degree and extent of malaria endemicity in the area has been gathered and necessary data for carrying out malaria control measures have been collected.

" (c) & (d) Proposals for malaria control work are under the consideration of the Government.

" (e) Yes.

" (f) Proposals in this regard are under the consideration of the Government."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Do the Government propose to undertake anti-malarial work as they are doing in other parts of the Province? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Yes, Sir."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* CUT IN PETROL RATIONS FOR LORRIES AND PUBLIC CARRIERS.

* MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have to inform the members of this House that I have received notice of an adjournment motion from the hon. Member, Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao, viz.—

'Under Rule 36 of the Council Rules, I propose to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussing the situation caused by the cut in petrol rations for lorries and public carriers. Please enable me to do so.'

" I would like to know what the Government have to say."

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" Mr. President, Sir, I shall make a statement on the petrol position and also explain the situation on Monday, the 22nd instant."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" I am very glad, Sir. There is no necessity to move the motion except to direct the attention of the Government to the matter."

The adjournment motion was not pressed.

GOVERNMENT MOTION.

III.—ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I beg to move—

'*That as the South Indian Railway have, in accordance with the decision of the Railway Board, reconstituted their Local Advisory Committee making provision for two members to represent the Madras Legislature—one from the Legislative Assembly and the other from the Legislative Council—on the reconstituted Advisory Committee,*

and as the General Manager has requested the Government to communicate to him, the names of the members, this Council do recommend to the Government to communicate to the South Indian Railway, the name of one person elected by this Council to serve on their Local Advisory Committee for a period of two years from 1st November 1947 '."

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' *That as the South Indian Railway have, in accordance with the decision of the Railway Board, reconstituted their Local Advisory Committee making provision for two members to represent the Madras Legislature—one from the Legislative Assembly and the other from the Legislative Council—on the reconstituted Advisory Committee, and as the General Manager has requested the Government to communicate to him, the names of the members, this Council do recommend to the Government to communicate to the South Indian Railway, the name of one person elected by this Council to serve on their Local Advisory Committee for a period of two years from 1st November 1947 '.*"

The motion was put and carried.

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" With reference to the motion regarding the election of one member to the Local Advisory Committee passed by the Council just now, I am to state that nominations should be handed over to the Secretary before 5 p.m. tomorrow, 20th September 1947. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Secretary. If the number of candidates nominated exceeds one, there will be an election between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 22nd September 1947. The election will be by the ordinary method and not by the single transferable vote.

" Tomorrow being penultimate Saturday, all the nominations can be deposited in a box which will be kept in the Secretary's room. The nominations will be scrutinized on the next day."

IV.—DEBATE ON THE FOOD SITUATION IN THE PROVINCE—*cont.*

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" The debate on the food problem will now be resumed. The Hon. Minister is aware that notice of an amendment has been given by the hon. Member Sri B. Narayanaswami Nayudu. The amendment is a long one. It has been roneoed for supply to members. The member will move his amendment, and the discussion will go on."

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" May I point out, Sir, that there is no resolution as such before the House. The food debate is meant to enable Government to place the food position as it exists to-day before the members of this House. A discussion has been invited so that members of the House will be entitled to give their suggestions, their opinions and their advice as may be necessary with regard to what the Government should do in dealing